

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Claude Ronn Rogers, who passed to his eternal reward on May 16, 2003; and

Whereas, Claude Ronn Rogers came into this world in St. Louis, Missouri, on December 13, 1948, as the only child born to proud and loving parents Harvey Rogers and Creola Sampson Rogers, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Claude Rogers was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools and graduated from Beaumont High School in 1966 before earning his Bachelor's degree in Biology from Lincoln University in 1971 and his Master's degree in Health Care Administration from Webster University; and

Whereas, Claude Rogers worked for the State of Missouri as a Genetic Counselor of Sickle Cell disease and accepted the role of Hospital Assistant Administrator at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in 1977, a position he held for twenty-three years; and

Whereas, Claude Rogers distinguished himself as the Officer-Director of In/Out Patient Accounts at Starkloff Hospital and served as Executive Director of the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency from 1984 to 1997 during the mayorships of Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr., and Freeman Bosley, Jr., serving his final years as an Administrative Assistant II for Community Programs where he managed the operation of the Washington Park Cemetery Project; and

Whereas, Claude Rogers was exceedingly proud of the enviable list of service he compiled to such important organizations as the St. Louis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, the Boy Scouts of America, Paraquad, Incorporated, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, the International Association of Human Rights Workers, National Association for Human Rights Workers, Regional Executive Council on Human Rights, National Forum for Public Administrators, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and Lincoln University, where he served on the Board of Curators for six years until 1999; and

Whereas, Claude Rogers leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of thirty-two years, Mary; his three children, Brian Jeffrey Rogers, Angelyne Renee Rogers, and Kristin Denise Rogers; his daughter-in-law, Chandra Rogers; his grandson, Brandon; his parents, Harvey and Creola Rogers; his aunt, Emma L. Sampson; his mother-in-law, Johnnie Mae Luster; his father-in-law, Arthur Price; his stepmother-in-law, Debbie Price; and a host of cousins, friends, and colleagues:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Claude Rogers, a remarkable gentleman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving him; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the widow of the late Claude Ronn Rogers, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins
District No. 60

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3067, adopted May 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker